



## DECLARATION

I, Dr. Udo Bickers, state, that I am a resident of Südstraße 2, 49835 Wietmarschen, Germany; that I am a citizen of Germany; that I am an engineer in agronomic science having graduated at the University of Bonn in 1997; that since 1998 I am employee of Hoechst Schering AgrEvo GmbH, Berlin, Germany now known as Bayer CropScience GmbH, Frankfurt; that I am in charge of a research laboratory in the Herbicide Research Department of Bayer CropScience GmbH at their facilities at Frankfurt/M.; that I am familiar with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/911,072 filed July 23, 2001 "Herbicidal Compositions", that I consider myself qualified by my knowledge of agronomic science, biology and especially of plant physiology and weed control and by my 5 years experience in this field; and that I have made the following observations to wit:

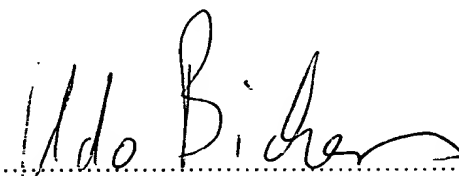
Example B.3 of US Application Serial No. 09/911,072 was repeated with the herbicidal compositions specified in the table below. The results are also shown in the table:

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Components	g ai./ha	Action [%] against Bromus tectorum
A1 (Mesosulfuron-methyl) + Genapol® LRO + Citric acid	10	22,5
A1 + Genapol® LRO + Succinic acid	10	27,5
A1 + Genapol® LRO + Malic acid	10	25

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardise the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Frankfurt am Main,  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003

  
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(Dr. Udo Bickers)